

STRUCTURAL WORK GROUP
of the
Northern Virginia Regional Partnership
Steering Committee
February 14, 2003

Attendees

Mary Ann Beall, Phill Bradbury, Jessica Burmester, Ray Burmester, Bill Claiborn, Roy Coffey, Lynn DeLacy, Tom Geib, Cindy Kemp, Bob Lassiter, John Morrow and Jim Thur

Surveys

While noting that not all information has been gathered, John Morrow presented the initial survey results of academic collaborations provided by Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute (NVMHI) and Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC), as well as the Community Services Boards (CSB) collaborative agreements. It was determined the information being collected could ultimately be a rich resource for workforce planning, and therefore, development and refinement of a database would be a worthwhile undertaking. In addition, it was pointed out that hospitals and DRS collaborations should be included in this process. John Morrow noted that at the next meeting a final inventory would be made available in a format that would allow sorting and easy identification of any overlapping areas.

Proposed Guidance for Completion of State Reinvestment Initiative

- It was noted that comments on the Proposed Guidance are due by February 18, 2003.
- In response to the request for bi-monthly status reports from each region, it was determined that Lynn DeLacy will provide these updates on, most likely, a monthly basis.
- Observing that Northern Virginia's initiative is encompassing a planning process, and not just focusing on reinvestment, it was proposed that an interim report to the State be submitted in mid-April, the original timeframe presented by Commissioner Reinhard, and not March, with the final submission in August.
- Concern was raised that some statements contained in the Proposed Guidance document may broaden the areas being considered, and shift the focus from the originally agreed upon project. In addition, it was observed the document does not clearly state that Mental Health is the primary area being considered. After discussing whether to ignore or address these issues with the State, it was the consensus to send a written communication from Jim Thur to Charlene Davidson in order to clarify.

- To maintain open communication on the current planning process, it was further agreed to notify the State of the Region's commitment to improve the system, but its inability to endorse a reduction in bed capacity at the NVMHI.

Forums

- To open each forum, it was suggested that a brief educational presentation be made on area demographics and forecasts, as well as stress that the current focus is Mental Health.
- It was agreed to reduce the draft guide proposed to fewer items and include the basic questions:
 - What works
 - What doesn't work

Summary

- Written preliminary notification will be sent to the State of the current direction of the Northern Virginia Partnership planning process.
- Suggested forum guidelines, as modified, will be presented to the Steering Committee.
- Meeting with representatives from private hospitals to be moved to February 26, 2003.

Next Meeting

Friday, March 14, 2003
Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
12011 Government Center Parkway
Room 836A
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.